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FM AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN

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SUBJECT: VISIT EXIMBANK OFFICIALS

REFERENCE STATE 18056

1. EMBASSY CONCURS VISIT EXIM OFFICIALS, GADAGNOLI AND HUBER. HOWEVER, IN VIEW NUMBER OF OFFICIAL VISITORS REQUESTING APPOINTMENTS WITH KEY IVORIAN MINISTERS, EMBASSY SUGGESTS THAT IT WOULD BE MOST USEFUL TO MEET WITH ABDOULAYE KONE, SECSTATE FOR BUDGET, MINFIN IN LIEU OF BEDIE, AND OUSMANE DIARRA, DIRECTOR OF CABINET MINPLAN, INSTEAD OF DIAWARA. THESE OFFICIALS FULLY AU COURANT WITH ECONOMIC SITUATION AND IVORIAN DEVELOPMENT PLANS AND INCLINED TO BE MOST HELPFUL. AT THEIR TIME LESS CONSTRAINED THAN THAT OF MINISTERS, DEFINITELY MORE POSSIBILITY OF SEEING PERSONS SUGGESTED ABOVE WITHIN TIME FRAMEWORK. OTHER SUGGESTED APPOINTMENTS WILL BE MADE.

2. EMBASSY WILL MAKE ARRANGEMENTS AS WELL FOR SITE VISITS KOSSOU AND FERKE I. THERE IS VIRTUALLY NO RPT NO ACTIVITY AT FERKE II AND LIMITED ACTIVITY AT TAABO. SUGGEST OFFICIALS MIGHT MORE PROFITABLY MEET WITH KAISER ENGINEERS AND MORRISON KNUDSEN REPS ABIDJAN TO RECEIVE FULL BRIEFING ON PRESENT STATUS OF PROJECTS BEFORE CONFIRMING OTHER SITE VISIT ARRANGEMENTS. VISITS AS SUGGESTED WILL INVOLVE MINIMUM TWO DAYS OUT-OF-ABIDJAN TRAVEL, IF ACCOMPLISHED BY PLANE.

3. DUE TO STATE DEPARTMENT INSPECTION BEING CONDUCTED DURING THAT WEEK, NO RPT NO EMBASSY OFFICERS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO UNCLASSIFIED

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ACCOMPANY OFFICIALS. PLEASE ADVISE FRENCH CAPABILITY ALL

EXIM OFFICIALS AND IF EMBASSY SHOULD ARRANGE FOR INTERPRETATION SERVICES ON ALL VISITS.

4. RE PARA 5 REFTEL, EMBASSY SUGGESTS ADDITIONAL MEETING WITH VICTOR AMAGOU DIRGEN AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT IF AVAILABLE DURING YOUR VISIT AND WILL TRY TO ARRANGE.

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